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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: PRESS SCENARIO

1. SATURDAY APRIL 26, 1975

5:00 P.M. - PLANE ARRIVES AT MAIQUETIA AND WILL BE PARKED APPROXIMATELY 70 METERS FROM ENTRANCE OF TERMINAL BUILDING. U.S. PRESS WILL DISEMBARK FIRST FROM REAR DOOR. PHOTOGRAPHERS (IF ANY) TO PROCEED TO PRESS STAND IMMEDIATELY TO LEFT OF FRONT ENTRANCE OF AIRPORT BUILDING. REPORTERS, INCLUDING RADIO REPRESNETATIVES, TO PROCEED TO ADJACENT POSITION AT THE RIGHT OF THE PRESS STAND. MICROPHONES, WHERE ARRIVAL STATEMENTS WILL BE DELIVERED BY FONMIN AND SECSTATE, WILL BE POSITIONED 30 FEET FROM REPORTERS' AREA. NATIONAL ANTHEMS MAY BE PLAYED BY VENEZUELAN MILITARY BAND IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL STATEMENTS.

(STRONGLY SUGGEST SPECIAL ASSISTANT ANDERSON FILE VIA IMMEDIATE CALBE FROM BRASILIA SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT SO THAT USIS MAY TRANSLATE INTO SPANISH AND MAKE COPIES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH TO LOCAL AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS. IF STATEMENT BEING WORKED ON DURING FLIGHT, STRONGLY URGE INTERPRETER ABOARD PLANE TRANSLATE AND MAKE XEROX COPIES IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH TO BE HANDED TO PAO AND IO ON ARRIVAL.)

5:25 P.M. - MOTORCADE DEPARTS AIRPORT. TWO SMALL PRESS BUSES (EACH SEATING 25 PERSONS) WITH MOTORCYCLE ESCORTS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO MOTORCADE AS CLOSE TO SECRETARY'S CAR AS
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POSSIBLE. USIS OFFICERS WILL BE ABOARD EACH BUS TO ASSIST

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PRESS, AND HAND OUT CARACAS PRESS KITS.

5:50 P.M. - ARRIVE AT PANTHEON FOR WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY. (PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.) NOTE: PARTY MUST ARRIVE AT PANTHEON BEFORE 6:00 P.M. OR CEREMONY WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY.

6:05 P.M. - MOTORCADE, INCLUDING PRESS BUSES, DEPARTS PANTHEON FOR HOTEL TAMANACO HOTEL.

6:60 P.M. - ARRIVE AT HOTEL TAMANACO HOTEL WHERE SECRETARY AND OFFICIAL PARTY WILL BE LOGED. IN ADDITION TO ROOMS FOR PRESSMEN ABOARD PLANE, USIS HAS RESERVED 15 ROOMS FOR U.S. PRESSMEN ARRIVING VIA COMMERCIAL PLANES. FOR THOSE NEWSMEN WISHING TO FILE, USIS WILL HAVE PRESSROOM COMPLETE WITH TABLE TYPEWRITERS, TELEX MACHINES (FOUR), INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONES (SIX) ADAPTED WITH PHONE JACKS FOR TRANSMITTING CASSETTE RECORDINGS. PRESS ROOM WILL ALSO HAVE AP AND UPI ENGLISH WIRE SERVICE PRINTERS.

8:15 P.M. - SECRETARY AND PARTY DEPART TAMANACO, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER, TO CALL ON PRESIDENT PEREZ AT LA CASONA, THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE. PRESS BUSES WILL BE PART OF MOTORCADE. PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PHOTOS OF FIRST MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

8:30 P.M. - FOLLIWING MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, THE TWO PRINCIPALS PROCEED TO STATE DINNER LA CASONA TO BE ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 100 PERSONS. STAG. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AT BEGINNING OF DINNER. PRESS WILL BE LOCATED IN NEARBY AREA WHERE TOASTS AND OTHER REMARKS WILL BE PIPED IN VIA LOUD SPEAKERS. USIS AND OFICINA CENTRAL DE INFORMACION OFFICERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RENDER ASSISTANCE.

MIDNIGHT - SECRETARY AND PARTY DEPART FOR HOTEL TAMANACO. REPORTERS WISHING TO FILE FROM PRESS ROOM MAY DO SO.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1975

8:15 A.M. - SECRETARY AND PARTY (INCLUDING PRESS BUSES) DEPART TAMANACO FOR LA CASONA FOR PRIVATE BREAKFAST WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER. FHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

11:30 A.M. - SECRETARY DEPARTS FOR TAMANACO. (HE WILL BE SEEN OFF BY PRESIDENT AND ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TO HOTEL.)

11:40 A.M. - OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES AT TAMANACO.

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12:00 A.M. - SECRETARY HOSTS WORKING LUNCH FOR 20 PERSONS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE AT TAMANACO HOTEL. PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AT BEGINNING OF LUNCH. (ALTERNATIVELY, AND PREFERABLY, PRESS CONFERENCE MAY BE AT NOON IN THE MAIN BALLROOM OF HOTEL WITH THE LUNCHEON AT 1:00 P.M.)

2:30 P.M. - SECRETARY HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE AT MAIN BALLROOM OF HOTEL. SPECIAL PLATFORMS WILL BE INSTALLED FOR TV CAMERAS AT BACK OF ROOM. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

3:30 P.M. - PRESS CONFERENCE ENDS.

3:35 P.M. - PRESS BUSES DEPART HOTEL FOR AIRPORT. NOTE: THERE IS NO TIME FOR CORRESPONDENTS ON SECRETARY'S PLANE TO FILE AFTER PRESS CONFERENCE. BECAUSE PRESS MUST ARRIVE AT AIRPORT 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO TAKE OFF OF SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT, USIS OFFICERS ABOARD BUSES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP COPY AND FILE COLLECT TO APPROPRIATE MEDIA ON RETURN TO CARACAS.

4:30 P.M. - DEPARTURE. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL SEE OFF OFFICIAL PARTY. AD HOC PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES, TIME PERMITTING.

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